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## URGE SPEEDY AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL DEBT ACT

### Major Issues to Be Discussed at U.F.A. Convention

#### STRONGLY PRESS NEED TO AMEND FARMERS' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT AT ONCE

U.F.A. Executive Makes Representations to Ottawa Government re Legislation

##### AT COMING SESSION

No Need to Wait, as Favorable Privy Council Decision Matter of Time Only

Urgent representations to the Dominion Government to amend the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act at the coming session of Parliament in order to strengthen the act and so prevent great hardship to many applicants whose applications may be thrown out or not dealt with in a satisfactory manner, have been made by the U.F.A. Executive. The representations are contained in a letter which has been forwarded to Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance.

The Executive point out that the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada, upholding the validity of the act, was very strongly worded, while it is understood that in the recent argument before the Privy Council in London, the law lords did not find it necessary to call upon the respondent for argument. Judgment in support of the Supreme Court's decision is therefore considered to be a matter of time only; but it may not be delivered until the program for the coming Parliament is well advanced. No harm can result from the amending legislation being proceeded with, it is pointed out, and this course is pressed upon the Government.

It is further indicated that the expected judgment upholding the act can only serve to emphasize uncertainty as to the validity of recent Provincial debt legislation, and that in consequence farmers will have to depend for the solution of their debt problems, entirely upon the Federal legislation.

##### Amendments Desired

Dealing specifically with amendments desired, the Executive ask that it be made clear that executors and administrators of deceased farmers are included in the definition of "farmer" under the act; that the difficulty now arising where the Board of Review feels there is no "privity of contract" between the debtor and certain creditors be overcome.

It is asked that it be made clear that the Board has power to deal with applications concerning school land indebtedness, having in view the terms of the Provincial Lands Act and the Dominion and Provincial legislation

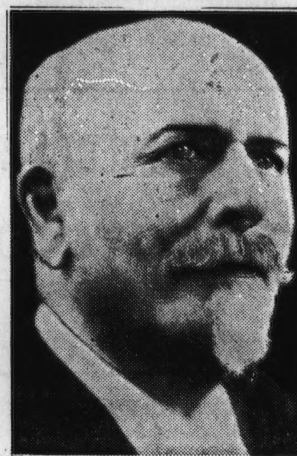
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#### Correspondence Held Over

Many letters discussing the pros and cons of political action by the organized farmers have been received. They are unavoidably held over from the present issue, to provide for our important Christmas features.

Most excellently written letters have been received, and we regret that we must ask our readers to await our next issue to read the latest contributions. These letters will form a major feature during the weeks remaining before the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. In another field of discussion a reply by Mrs. Heath to critics of her article, and some other letters are held over.

#### Reaper Claims Merchant of Death



Sir Basil Zaharoff, sometimes termed king of the armament making industry, died on Nov. 27th. He made vast wealth as a pedlar of arms to all countries. He was non-partizan, and as ready to profit from the murder of Bulgarians or Turks or Chinese as from that of Englishmen or Germans.

Grasshoppers have been causing great damage in Australian wheat fields this season, and an intensive program of control measures is planned.

#### LAWRENCE KINDT, EXPERT ON AAA, WILL BE SPEAKER

Co-operation, Political Action, Finance Will Be Important Convention Subjects

##### FROM FARM STANDPOINT

Special Address by Gardiner on Finance—Rabbi Eisen Invited to Speak

Politics and Agriculture, Co-operation in Agriculture, and Finance as it Affects the Agricultural Industry are likely to be among subjects of major importance to be discussed at the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, January 19th to 22nd inclusive.

Among the speakers will be Lawrence E. Kindt, M.Sc., formerly of Nanton, and first President of the Junior U.F.A., who will speak on the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the United States, of which he has had charge for eleven states of the U. S. Northwest. Mr. Kindt will be asked if possible to give a second address on "All Risks Crop Insurance."

Rabbi Eisen of Edmonton, who recently studied the co-operative movement in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, is being invited to speak on the results of his inquiries. If he can accept it is thus hoped that an all-round picture of various aspects of the problems of agriculture both on this continent and in Europe will be obtained from the speakers.

Finance as it affects agriculture will be the subject of a special address by President Robert Gardiner, which will be entitled "Money, Purchasing Power and Credit."

Plans for the Convention were advanced at a meeting of the U.F.A. Executive attended by all members in the U.F.A. Central Office last week.

#### Foundation Blows In

TURNER VALLEY, Dec. 2nd. — Foundation Royalties No. 1 well blew into production early today. It is estimated that the flow will be 1,800 barrels a day.

#### RUMSEY TRAGEDY

RUMSEY, Dec. 2nd.—A quarrel with his mother-in-law when he went to bring back his wife, who had left him, ended in Anton Gehrig shooting Mrs. Fred Hildebrand and then cutting his own throat. Mrs. Hildebrand is at the point of death today.

#### FAILS TO BEAT RECORD

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 2nd.— Captain J. A. Mollison failed in his objective of beating the record made by his wife in the London-to-Capetown flight.

## Licensing of Press Is Opposed by Farm Executive

Emphatic opposition to proposals for the licensing of the press in Alberta was expressed by the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, at their meeting in Calgary last week. They declared that the sole right to adjudicate upon such matters as libel and other offenses against the law concerning the press should rest in the courts, which are independent of political control by any Government in office.

The resolution adopted reads, in full as follows:

Whereas, government control of the press in this Province by means of a licensing system has been threatened; and

Whereas, the carrying into effect of this threat would give powers of censorship to the government which are incompatible with the principles of a free democracy, and in fact, have not been exercised in Anglo-Saxon countries in times of peace since the fight for freedom of the press was won as the outcome of the struggles against arbitrary control in the eighteenth century; and

Whereas, independence of newspapers and periodicals supporting progressive causes would be more gravely imperilled than that of publications supported by powerful vested interests if the principle of government licensing of the press were established, since the Province lacks power to exclude the importation of printed matter through the mails; and

Whereas, it is vital to the maintenance of freedom of expression that the sole right to adjudicate upon such matters as libel and other offences against the law should rest with the courts, which are independent of political party control;

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, do declare in the most positive manner our opposition to the introduction of a system of press licensing which through legislation or regulation would in any manner whatsoever, otherwise than already provided for through the courts, restrict or limit full liberty of expression by the press of this Province.



# ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HAD GOOD YEAR

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates was held the third week in November at Calgary. The reports of the business operations for the year ending July 15th, 1936, were of an encouraging nature. They showed elevator operating earnings of \$1,092,272.59 from which was deducted \$526,055.69 for depreciation and \$256,703.12 for interest payment to the Alberta government on the 1929 overpayment, leaving a net surplus from the year's operations of \$309,513.78.

Since 1931, when the Alberta Wheat Pool shouldered the burden of the heavy 1929-30 overpayment and set out to re-establish its financial position, this organization has made marked progress. Last year's operations have increased the members' equity in the assets of the organization by \$430,194.69. The members now have an equity totalling \$5,005,572.76 in Pool assets after deducting the liability for the 1929 overpayment.

The Alberta Wheat Pool's recovery is directly due to the splendid support given Pool Elevators by Alberta farmers. The high reputation of the organization for integrity and fair dealing and the energetic manner in which the Pool has conducted the fight on behalf of better prices for the producers has attracted support not only from members, but from a large number of growers who never belonged to the Pool.

The Alberta Wheat Pool may not have paid dividends on contributed capital directly, but it has made an inestimable contribution in other ways. Along with its sister Pools of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, it achieved the point of inducing the government to set a minimum price of 87-1/2c a bushel for the 1935 crop. The opinion of the grain trade was that 70c would have been ample, and this one instance of the difference of 17-1/2c a bushel furnishes an idea of the way the Alberta Pool has paid dividends indirectly. There has been talk about producers being able to grow wheat at a cost of 40c a bushel in Western Canada. The incident in the course of which this 40c a bushel cost of production was mentioned illustrates the tendency of the trade to insist on world prices for Canadian wheat. In this policy the Pools have been in violent disagreement.

The Alberta Wheat Pool's delegates' meeting was conducted in a democratic manner and with the openness characteristic of such meetings. Nothing is hidden from the delegates, and all the information asked for is readily supplied. Candor prevails at these annual meetings as it is the Pool's policy to keep the membership fully informed through the delegates.

## Twenty-Seven Million Bushels Handled

THE POOL HANDLED 27,109,040 bushels during the 1935-36 crop year through 419 Pool country houses. The Pool country elevators number 433, but 14 were closed over the entire season in view of light crop conditions tributary to a number of elevator points, and in addition 24 houses were closed over a portion of the season.

During the year 3 elevators were lost by fire at Craigmyle, Barons and Rochfort Bridge, and the latter house only being rebuilt through the wrecking of the Pool elevator at Morinville. A new elevator was built at Creston, B.C. The Raley elevator was wrecked and rebuilt as a twin elevator at Wilson Siding. The DeWinton elevator was wrecked and rebuilt as a twin elevator at High River, and the Strangmuir elevator was wrecked and rebuilt as a twin elevator at Nanton. The Pool elevator at Bott was sold during the fall of 1935. Since July 15th, 1936, the Pool elevator at Carbondale was wrecked and rebuilt at Gage, and only

recently the Pool elevator at Pollockville was wrecked and will be rebuilt at Codner Siding. As a result of these changes the total number of Alberta Pool Elevators has been reduced to 429, but the position of the organization has been strengthened from the standpoint of future operations.

The Alberta Pool operated 3 terminals during the year, its own structure Pool Terminal No. 1 at Vancouver and 2 government leased terminals No. 2 at Vancouver and the Prince Rupert terminal, and the result of the past season's operations reflects efficient operation, 18,183,798 bushels of wheat having been handled through these facilities as well as 749,112 bushels of coarse grains and 500,524 tons of screenings.

## Sales Organization

THE POOL SALES ORGANIZATION with offices at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Calgary, marketed during the past season approximately 14,300,000 bushels of Pool cash stocks and in addition delivered to the Cana-

dian Wheat Board approximately 18,200,000 bushels.

Considerable additional work was involved over the past season in connection with the preparation for the distribution of the 1930 Pool Equalization Payment, which totalled \$2,732,336.77. To date payment of approximately \$2,715,000 has been made involving the issuing of approximately 31,000 cheques. The undistributed balance of approximately \$17,000 includes unidentified deliveries and estates as well as disputed accounts, but everything possible is being done to complete distribution of these funds to the proper parties with the least possible delay.

Careful attention has been given throughout the season by the management to restricting controllable expenditures in so far as practically consistent with the necessity of extending reasonable services and accommodation to Pool members and patrons in the marketing of their grain. At a number of points where light crops were har-

vested in 1935, Pool elevator services were maintained largely for the purpose of assisting in the distribution of relief. During the past season Pool agents assisted in the distribution of approximately 1,150 cars of various relief commodities, most of which consisted of commodities in which the Pool had no direct interest. The services of agents and the use of facilities were contributed without remuneration.

## Directors' Report

THE POOL DIRECTORS' report that no attempt was made to operate a voluntary pool during either 1935 or 1936 crop years because it was considered inadvisable to be in competition with the Canadian Wheat Board. For many years the Pools have consistently supported the establishment of a National Wheat Board with full representation of producer interests, as such a board can only function to the fullest advantage if wheat farmers are satisfied that their interests are safeguarded and their position given proper consideration through satisfactory representation on the board. The farmers can make a contribution by way of the production of varieties that will simplify the marketing problem and by giving the benefit of their experience in receiving and assembling, transporting and selling the grain after it is produced. The government can assist through its powers of negotiating trade agreements, its financial resources, regulation where necessary and its wholehearted support of the proposition that Canada must expect to produce and market a considerable volume of wheat in such a way that farmers can continue to produce the grain and thus furnish the money to keep the factories, railroads, financial and mercantile institutions of Canada functioning. With this in mind the Pools still support the original idea of the Canadian Wheat Board properly constituted and properly functioning to carry on until such time as a growers' organization is organized and equipped to take full responsibility of marketing of Canadian grain with the sympathetic support of the Canadian government.

The Pools contemplate presenting the views of wheat producers of Western Canada to the Royal Commission which has been appointed to enquire into the past and present methods used in selling Canadian grain. Hon. Mr. Justice Turgeon is conducting this investigation and the Pools hope that as a result at the enquiry a comprehensive, logical and practical method will be found for marketing the grain crop of Canada and assuring a reasonable return to the producer.

Reference is made in the directors' report to the work of the Junior Wheat Clubs, sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool in conjunction with the Provincial and Dominion departments of agriculture. The number of these clubs is 53 and the membership 813. This movement has been the means of educating the farm youth in the production of better seed grain and has been responsible for the multiplying and distributing of millions of bushels of improved seed throughout the length and breadth of the province.

In regard to co-operative education the directors expressed the opinion that hope for the future lies in acquainting the rising generation with the benefits which can accrue to them through co-operation. One of the most important reasons why co-operative endeavours in Alberta do not receive fuller support is because of lack of knowledge among the people as to just what the co-operatives are trying to do. With this in mind substantial contributions in time and money for co-operative education are necessary. This is being done through the field service and publicity department and through country meetings, also through support of the newly formed Alberta Co-operative Council.

## ALBERTA WHEAT POOL'S Record of Progress

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 15th, 1936

### Review of Operations for the Year

#### 1. ELEVATOR OPERATING RESULTS—

Produced Operating Earnings of .....	\$1,092,272.59
From which provision was made for:	
Reserve for Depreciation on Buildings and Equipment .....	\$526,055.69
Interest to date on Government Indebtedness .....	256,703.12
Surplus added to accumulated Earnings of previous years .....	\$ 309,513.78

#### 2. RESERVE EARNINGS—

Increased Sundry Reserves held for account of members by additional earnings of .....	\$ 111,845.22
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#### 3. MEMBERS' EQUITY—

Increased Members' Equity in the assets of the Organization by .....	\$ 430,194.69
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#### 4. PAYMENTS ON BONDS AND MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS

Paid to Banks account loan on Vancouver Terminal No. 1 .....	\$ 250,000.00
Paid Alberta Government on Principal of Bonded Indebtedness .....	188,500.00
	\$ 438,500.00

#### 5. ELEVATOR OPERATION—

Operated 418 Country Elevators.  
Operated Pool owned Terminal No. 1 at Vancouver and leased Terminals at Prince Rupert, and No. 2 Terminal at Vancouver.

#### 6. ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE—

Maintained 433 Country Elevators and Pool Terminal Property in first-class physical condition.

#### 7. GRAIN HANDLINGS—

Handled 27,109,040 bushels of grain as compared with 30,890,721 bushels the previous year.

#### 8. JUNIOR FIELD CROPS COMPETITION—

Sponsored 52 Junior Wheat Clubs, having a total membership of 813, with gratifying results in an educational campaign to demonstrate in a practical way the benefits to be obtained from sowing good seed.

#### 9. PATRONAGE—

The operation of Pool Elevators is an open book. A record of fair dealing and conscientious service in the interests of the farmers has obtained a considerable volume of grain from growers who had never belonged to the Pool. Pool members have the added knowledge that patronage of Pool facilities makes it possible to build up their own interest in the assets of the Organization.

OUR readers who are interested in the subject of Debt Legislation will have to reconcile themselves to the usual law's delay. Two or three cases are pending, but the hearing has been adjourned until the first sittings of the Court in January, so that it will probably be well on into April or May before any case comes before the Appeal Court.

The delay is unfortunate, as it is in the interest of both debtors and creditors that the legal position be clarified as soon as possible. However, the delay cannot be avoided.

In the meantime it is quite possible that at the next session of the Provincial Legislature, amendment to the Act may be made or an entirely new Act passed which may change the present legal issue. It is also possible that some understanding may be reached at the forthcoming conference at Ottawa which will clarify and improve the whole situation. Such an understanding is devoutly to be wished for.

#### Answers to Subscribers

Following are replies to certain inquiries recently received:  
G.L.P.:

(1) Is the ruling still in effect that a debtor with only one debt cannot claim the protection of the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act?

(2) Does the valuation for tax assessment have any bearing on market value in the view of the Official Receiver and the Board of Review.

(1) Yes, I believe the Board of Review still interpret the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act in such a way that they will not hear any application for adjustment of only one debt. It should be borne in mind, however, that unpaid taxes will constitute a separate debt, so as to make the applicant eligible and in most cases taxes have not been paid.

(2) Yes, attention is always given to the amount of the assessed value in arriving at a fair valuation of the land of any applicant. In the majority of cases, however, the Board of Review obtain a valuation of the land by the Soldiers Settlement Board and the Board is guided largely by the valuation.

#### Inquirer:

The substance of this inquiry is apparently that two persons A and B are creditors of the same debtor. Creditor A has with the consent of the debtor sold certain property of the debtor to satisfy his claim which creditor B thinks belongs to him. Does the Dominion or Provincial Debt Legislation prevent this?

There is nothing in the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act which

## Debt Legislation Cases Unlikely to Reach Appeal Court Until Spring

Law's Delays Unfortunate—May Be Well Into April or May Before Appeals Heard—Answers Given to Subscribers' Queries

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

applies to such a situation. The Provincial Debt Reduction Act contains a clause to the effect that any settlement between a creditor and a debtor contrary to the terms of the Act is void. This probably means that such a settlement is voidable at the option of the debtor, or in other words is

first or lower court, would it still afford protection as intended until such time as the highest court passes on it? That is, is it still valid as long as there is an appeal pending?

This is rather a difficult question to answer satisfactorily in the space allowed here. The action now being taken to test out the validity of the Act will no doubt be opposed by the Attorney-General. Which ever way the decision goes in the first or lower court of the Province, an appeal to the Appeal Court of Alberta can be heard in a comparatively short time. Neither the Attorney-General nor creditors will probably be satisfied with any decision short of the Appeal Court. The decision of the Appeal Court will declare the law of the Province until revised by either the Supreme Court of Canada or The Privy Council. It is impossible to say whether these further appeals would be taken, but in the ordinary course an appeal would be taken to either of these courts and in actual practice the rights of debtors and creditors would not be finally decided until the judgment of the final court was obtained.

In other words, other actions would probably be suspended pending a final decision. At any stage, of course, the Government might decide to pass other legislation instead of proceeding with the present cases.

The other two questions asked by this inquirer are academic only and replies would involve something of a political discussion which would hardly be proper for this column.

There seems to be no doubt now about the validity of the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act. The Supreme Court of Canada has declared the Act Constitutional. At the recent appeal before the Privy Council, the Law Lords did not call upon the respondent for any argument; that is, they did not ask for any argument

as to the validity of the Act. It is certain therefore that the Act will be declared Constitutional. The decision that the Dominion has the right to legislate to reduce debt will be a strong spur to those who argue that the Province has not.

(Other replies in next issue.)

Urging that newly constructed roads adjacent to Edmonton be gravelled, to preserve the work already done, and recommending the hastening of the opening of the Jasper-Blue River road, two resolutions were passed by the Edmonton branch of the Alberta Motor Association.

Edmonton wholesalers report that buying from the Peace River country this fall is almost as great as in the record year of 1929.

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not binding on the Debtor. If, however, a settlement is reached between a creditor and debtor there is nothing in the Debt Reduction Act which would enable another creditor to set it aside. The second creditor B must depend on his ordinary rights, that is the nature of the security he holds, if any, or whether he has any ground for attacking the settlement as a fraud on creditor.

#### X.Y.Z.:

Supposing that the Debt Reduction Act should be declared invalid by the

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## A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Both at the Toronto Winter Fair and at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago, exhibitors from Alberta won many distinctions; so many, in fact that it may seem almost invidious to single out any of the winners.

We think, however, that Herman Trelle's achievement in winning the World Wheat Championship for the fifth time is so outstanding that it cannot be allowed to pass without congratulations being extended to him on his long and remarkable record as a grower of prize-winning wheat.

But the name which Alberta has won in the leading grain shows has not been won by any single exhibitor. On ten different occasions the championship has come to Alberta, and the successful exhibitors have been farmers from all parts of the Province; and in fact it would be difficult to say with any degree of confidence that any one of a considerable number of wheat growers, in north, south and central Alberta has done more than another to raise the quality of Alberta-grown wheat.

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## POOL ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates to the Annual Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool had good reason to be gratified by the results of the year's operations.

The Pool is steadily improving its financial position, in spite of exceedingly difficult years. Its liabilities have been cut in the five years during which it has been operating on an open market basis from \$7,400,000 to \$5,150,000 through the handling of some 175,000,000 bushels of wheat. The reports presented to the Convention met with deserved approval by the delegates.

The Convention asked the Ottawa Government to make the Wheat Board a reality by changing the set-up to provide that deliveries may be accepted at any time. It was also urged that the minimum price should be the initial price paid by the Board, and that this price should bear a definite relation to the cost of production.

Similar requests have been made to the Dominion Government by the United Farmers of Alberta.

There can be little doubt that they have behind them the strong support of Alberta grain growers.

## "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"

That Alberta farmers are alert to the necessity of thinking their way through the issues of the day which concern them as producers, consumers and citizens of Canada and of the world, is evidenced in the large and increasing volume of correspondence received by *The Western Farm Leader*—some intended for publication, some not so intended.

The general character of this correspondence is such as to suggest that the need for concerted effort on the part of individuals who may be described as a rule as "private citizens," to solve their problems first locally (where local effort will suffice) and afterwards through organized action with their fellow citizens in a larger field, is increasingly recognized.

Discussion is the first step towards a solution of our problems by democratic means. We hope that the free discussions which are taking place in our columns (suspended for this Christmas issue only), may be of some practical assistance to our readers in arriving at the important decisions which in due course they will be called upon to make.

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## KING AND MINISTERS

It is being suggested that the King is facing difficulties with his Ministers upon matters that are in nowise related to public policy—in which field his powers are limited by a constitution which at all times he most scrupulously respects.

In view of the fact that those Ministers have been largely responsible for the disastrous decline in the prestige of the League of Nations, for the failure of collective security, for the accelerating pace at which civilization is "rattling into barbarism," for resulting slaughter in national and civil wars which are but the dress rehearsals for Armageddon, it might in some quarters be thought that the load which the responsible British Ministers bear upon their own consciences in their own right, should be sufficiently heavy.

A great Teacher once rebuked the Pharisees who were so intent upon discovering the mote in their brother's eyes, that they could not see clearly the beam in their own.

It might be appropriate to remind some Ministers, and even some Bishops, of that Teacher's stinging rebuke.

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## ATROCITIES IN SPAIN

(*The New Commonwealth*, Toronto)

The responsibility for every atrocity committed in Spain since the outbreak of the rebellion lies squarely upon those who initiated the rebellion. Once war is unleashed, excesses are committed, and on both sides. But the real responsibility rests with those

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

By SYDNEY MAY

*RING* right merrily, Christmas bells,  
Your Song of Peace, ah, how it swells  
And compasses the earth!  
But oh, there are so many men  
To whom your message brings again  
A mockery of mirth.

*The lust of power has made some mad;  
Ring right merrily, they'll be glad,  
For greed's insatiate.  
But some your Song of Peace will spurn,  
Starved bodies lashed, their souls will burn*

*With hopelessness of hate.*

*Ring right merrily where the priest  
Has blessed the rich man's bounteous feast*

*And there is no distress:  
But what your message where men dwell*

*At Christmas in an earthly hell  
Of gold-made sordidness?*

*While dog-eared dollars howl with glee,  
Ring out ye bells, ring merrily—  
The music how it blends!*

*But who shall blame the starving throng  
If all they hear's a selfish song  
Of snarling dividends.*

*Ring right merrily, Ring! Ring! Ring!  
Yours is a glorious song to sing—  
The Christians' great belief.*

*But oh, you stress the pulsing fear  
Of those whose only Christmas cheer  
Is purchased with relief.*

*YET—Ring right merrily! From the dust*

*Of crumbled faith, a stronger trust  
Shall rise; and from the deeps  
Your Song of Peace, O Christmas bells,*

*Shall fill the world until it swells  
Throughout the starry sleeps.*



who unleashed the war.

The *New York Times* has been investigating atrocity stories. It has sought, through reliable correspondents in Spain to verify the incidents blazoned across the front pages of the press. Its conclusion is that terrorism has been an organized and official policy of the Rebels, and that atrocities committed by the government forces have been individual excesses, personal acts of terrorism by unofficial bodies or individuals.

We quote the conclusion from the *Times* of November 8th:

"A summing up of the terrorist situation would seem to be that on the anti-Fascist—it would hardly be fair to say government—side, there have been relatively few mass killings or cases of torture, although a distressingly large number of executions of marked persons on a selective basis, interlarded with cases of personal vengeance. On the insurgent side the executions have been in masses, often marked by torture, and on a far larger scale in proportion to the population. Treachery has also been a frequent feature of the executions on this side."



## CHANGE IN WHEAT BOARD SET UP IS SOUGHT BY POOL

Want Deliveries Accepted at Any Time and That Minimum Be Initial Price

### SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Pleasure and Satisfaction Expressed by Delegates to Pool Annual Convention

Change in the set-up of the Wheat Board in order that deliveries may be accepted at any time, and provision that the minimum price be the initial price to be paid by the Board and that it bear a relation to the cost of production, was asked of the Dominion Government in a resolution adopted by the Annual Convention of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates held in Calgary last week.

Operations of the organization for the business year ended July 15th, 1936, were reviewed at the meeting, and Hon. Mr. Chant, Minister of Agriculture, briefly addressed the delegates as Premier Aberhart who had been invited was unable to attend.

The Pool reported a successful year with a net surplus of \$309,513.78, after providing for full depreciation and payment of interest of \$256,703.12 in connection with the 1929 Pool overpayment.

#### Delegates Well Satisfied

The delegates expressed themselves as well satisfied with the results of the year's operations. The manager pointed out that during the five years the Alberta Pool had operated on the open market basis from the 1st of August, 1931, to September 1st, 1936, the Pool's liabilities have been cut from \$7,400,000 to \$5,150,000. During that period the Pool has paid \$1,300,000 in interest on the 1929 overpayment and terminal loans, making a total of \$1,600,000 in interest alone. Indebtedness to the Government on the 1929 overpayment is now under \$5,000,000 and the terminal loans have been cut to \$250,000. All of this was accomplished in the handling of 175,000,000 bushels in five years.

It was decided at the convention to postpone a decision on the problem of the settlement of the 1929 overpayment and to ask the directors to continue to study the matter and report at the next convention.

#### Mr. McFarland's Rousing Reception

John I. McFarland attended the meeting and was given a rousing welcome. He said that he was prouder of the five years he had spent in price stabilization operations than of all the years he had been in the grain business. He believed that stabilization rendered a real service to Western wheat growers and no major error had been made in its conduct.

The delegates were addressed by L. C. Brouillette, president of the Canadian Wheat Pool and of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, P. F. Bredt, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool and W. A. MacLeod, director of publicity for the Canadian Wheat Pool. Mr. Brouillette urged that members fight against divisions, saying that an effort was made to split the east and west farm groups. Mr. Bredt told how the Manitoba Pool was succeeding against heavy odds, and Mr. MacLeod said that co-operation succeeded better under democracies and urged further development of the idea.

The election of directors resulted in two changes, G. G. Coote being elected in the Claresholm division in place of J. Jesse Strang, and R. A. McPherson being elected in North Calgary in place of Norman Stewart.

In exports of wheat, nickel, asbestos and newsprint Canada leads the world.

## Life of Kagawa

It has been necessary to interrupt our serial life story of Kagawa, the instalment of which, omitted from the present issue, will be published in our next.

## Show Weakness of Relief Scheme for Single Unemployed

Farm Scheme Defective — Recommend Work and Wages Program to Dominion Government

In view of serious weaknesses in the Federal Farm Scheme for Single Unemployed Men, the U.F.A. Executive, meeting in Calgary, last week strongly urged upon the Dominion Government the immediate institution of a "work and wages program on projects of a constructive nature."

The resolution dealing with this subject, clearly setting forth the grounds upon which the present farm scheme is found to fall short of meeting the situation, is in full as follows:

Having reviewed the Dominion Government's farm placement scheme for single unemployed men from both the angle of the farmer and of the unemployed men, the Executive of the U.F.A. submit the following for your consideration:

#### No Solution

(1) The placing of a few hundred or even a few thousand young men on farms for the winter under this scheme is no solution to the problem. Admitting that by careful selection good men could be placed in good homes on farms where they could be of use, there are many thousands of men who would be unsuitable and there might be large numbers of farmers choosing such men whose conditions would impose such hardship upon these men as to cause them to leave before March 31st without the farmers' goodwill, thus jeopardizing the right of the unemployed young man to further relief.

(2) Thousands of farmers in Western Canada are not justified in taking on farm help for the winter months (a) because there is less work to do than in other seasons; (b) because they lack accommodation; (c) because they cannot afford the cost of maintenance of another man. It would be again a case of the poor helping the poor.

We earnestly submit that in view of the fact that many thousands of our Canadian youth have not had regular employment for the past six years and that conditions are not materially improved, a work and wages program on projects of a constructive nature should be instituted immediately.

#### MIDNAPORE LOCAL

The U.F.A. Local at Midnapore held its bi-weekly Study Group recently at the home of Mrs. Vivian Gough; some dozen interested groupers attended. Headed by the Rev. Horricks of De Winton, each and everyone contributed to a very pleasant evening of enlightenment. Mr. Chas. Palmer of the New Age Club brought along two friends; both he and they made a considerable addition to the instructive evening. All were delighted.

The annual convention of the Civil Service Association voted against a resolution to make membership in the organization compulsory.

William Epstein, Calgary law student, has been awarded the I.O.D.E. scholarship for 1937, which will give him a year's post-graduate course in London.

Wm. J. Bryant, Boyle, won first award for sweet clover at the Chicago international show; C. G. Colvin, Sedgewick, for flax; and Jos. Verostak, Eyremore, for alfalfa.

## ASK TWO BOARDS OF REVIEW FOR THIS PROVINCE

MacLeod Farm Convention Also Seeks Effective Wheat Board for Canada

(By H. RENKENBERGER)

Asking that two Boards of Review be set up in the Province, under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, and that the Wheat Board be made to function effectively, with a minimum price in agreement with production costs, two important resolutions were passed by the annual convention of the MacLeod U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association, held at Picture Butte recently.

W. H. Shield, former M.L.A. for the constituency, strongly presented to the delegates the need for straight and sober thinking on behalf of the organization. There was nothing to

be ashamed of, he said, in the work accomplished in the past, either in the Provincial or Federal Parliaments. No group at Ottawa was so effective as the little group of Alberta members; he regretted the loss of that group in bringing forward progressive farmer legislation, and felt that even a few men could be very effective.

Robert Gardiner, President of the U.F.A., spoke at considerable length, principally on money and credit. He was heard with close attention, and at the conclusion of his address many favorable comments were heard.

A nucleus of the organization in every corner of the constituency should be the present objective, said W. W. Scott, director, in a brief talk.

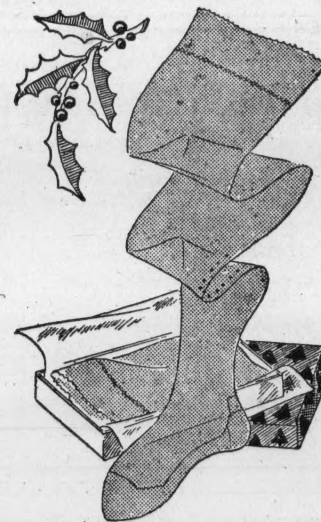
Ernest Brown, Nobleford, was re-elected president; A. J. MacGowan, E. A. Carey, and Mrs. W. W. Scott vice-presidents.

After adjournment a tour of the sugar factory was made. Here competent guides did their best to make the visitors understand the process of converting beets into sugar; this was found to be very interesting.

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THE printing-presses of the world continue to pour out a flood of books on every conceivable subject, books, good, bad and indifferent, a mirror of the changing world in which we live. Fortunately the great majority pass into oblivion very quickly. Their mortality is heavy, for they are seldom reprinted unless they have some enduring value.

Considerations of space will compel me to confine my comments chiefly

to books dealing with social and economic problems.

#### Co-operation

There has recently been a revival in interest in co-operation, which is being studied by groups in various places. Several new books on co-operation have been published lately. None has aroused more interest than Marquis Child's vividly written, "Sweden, the Middle Way" (Ryerson \$2.75) which tells the story of the astonishing success of co-operation in Sweden, which has helped to bring economic salvation to that admirable people.

Fowler's "Consumer Co-operation in America" gives a very interesting account of recent progress in the United States, particularly among the Western farm population. This book may be obtained from the Co-operative League, 167 West 12th St., New York City (price \$1.00). Groups should send to the League for its list of publications, particularly pamphlets, such as "Sweden, Land of Economic Democracy," by Bowen (15 cents).

Upton Sinclair's new novel, "Co-op" (Oxford Press, \$2.50) will also be widely read.

#### Economics and Current Problems

Sidney Hook's "From Hegel to Marx" (Ryerson \$3.50) is the best book in English on the philosophical background of Karl Marx, a meaty book for serious students.

Laski's "Rise of European Liberalism" (Mussion \$3.50) is the latest study from the pen of an acute thinker who always writes with clarity and vigor.

John Strachey's "Theory and Practice of Socialism" (Ryerson \$3.50) has just been published. The title is misleading, since the work is devoted to an exposition of the Marxian viewpoint.

Bertrand Russell's "Which Way to Peace?" has just been published in England and will no doubt be both provocative and stimulating.

Stuart Chase has written an arresting and important book in "Rich Land, Poor Land" (McLeod \$2.75). It is really a study in soil erosion and conservation in the United States, but is equally applicable to Western Canada.

#### Animal Books

This year a fresh crop of good animal books by Canadian authors has appeared.

Outstanding in interest for Albertans will be Dan McCowan's "Animals of the Canadian Rockies" (Macmillan \$3.00) illustrated from his own photographs.

Grey Owl's "Tales of an Empty Cabin" (Macmillan \$2.75) has just appeared, but I am going to recommend very strongly for Christmas purchase Grey Owl's earlier book, "Adventures of Sajo and Her Beaver People" (Macmillan \$2.00) which Professor Broadus of the University of Alberta has praised as the outstanding



creative work of literature of 1935. If there is a taste for that kind of book in your home, here is a book for parents and children both to read and love.

"Northland Footprints" by Kenneth Conibear (Macmillan \$2.50) is an attractive animal tale by a young Canadian who has trapped in the north country, and later became a Rhodes scholar. He knows his animals and he can write.

#### A Mixed Lot

A book that will be widely used for a Christmas gift is Morton's "In the Steps of St. Paul" (Ryerson \$2.50). His previous book, "In the Steps of the Master" enjoyed a deserved popularity.

Philip Guedalla's "The Hundred Years" (Mussion \$4.00) is a sort of cavalcade of the history of the last hundred years. It is an attempt, as the author says, to describe "the leading moments of the century as they affected the leading units of the Western world, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States."

Chesterton's "Autobiography" (Ryerson \$5.00) which has just appeared and which I have not as yet seen, will be widely read. The reviewers call it Chesterton's best book.

#### For Horticulturists

I conclude in a very practical way. Those who try to grow fruit on the Prairies know how little is available for their guidance. Here is a book which every horticulturist will wish to own, "Hardy Fruits" by C. F. Patterson, professor of horticulture at the University of Saskatchewan. It deals comprehen-

sively with all the tree and bush fruits, and gives the Western farmer the fullest directions for their choice, culture and care. A very important book. It is obtainable from George Murray, 404 Standard Building, Saskatoon, for \$3.65 postpaid.

In conclusion, may I remind my readers that many of the finest books of all time are available in city book stores for very modest sums. The number of cheap reprints of great books is constantly increasing. They offer an opportunity for the true booklover who wishes to build up his library.

#### PLEASE SEND NAME

Will the subscriber from Didsbury, who sent in a postal note for one dollar on November 27th, with a request for twist drills as premium, please send in his name, which was omitted from the letter?

Political Candidate—"So you're the Chief of Police of this fine little town. Glad to know you. I wonder if I could arrange to meet the fire chief also?"

Chief of Police—"Sure. Just wait until I change hats."

"I see no reason why the King should not marry an American if he wishes," declared William Gallagher, British Communist M.P., "and I should wish him good luck. People's private lives shouldn't be discussed, anyway," he added, remarking that some British people in the "charmed circle" would no doubt be shocked by an American marriage.

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## Choosing Books for the Young Folks

By LOUISE RILEY  
Children's Librarian, Calgary Public Library



blunder than in choosing a book for a child.

There are so many large and expensive looking gift books designed to impress the adult. If he succumbs he will be left to wonder why the child who receives this elegant gift leaves it to gather dust upon the shelf while a battered copy of the "Rover Boys" enjoys constant attention. The answer is that many such books are designed to attract and please the parent who buys rather than the child who reads.

This does not mean that you must not aim high. Buy a "good" book by all means. If it is really "good" it will be read for its own merits and not because it is "literature." Are we grown-ups justified in calling a child's book good unless the boys and girls for whom it is written will read it with pleasure?

Of course there are many inferior books which they will read with pleasure. It is our problem to lead them on, to see that they have books which satisfy their growing curiosity and open up for them wider interests.

### Books Which Have Proved Popular

So I shall mention only books which have proved their popularity with boys and girls, and which have those qualities of style and subject matter which entitle them to an honored place on the bookshelves of any home. And, because it is 1936, and even the good St. Nick, may be feeling the pinch a little, most of the books will be inexpensive.

Have you noticed that most small children like small books? They will wander about the Library and choose books on the most unlikely subjects because they happen to be little. Perhaps this is because children have to get along somehow in a world where most things are designed for adults, and it gives them particular joy to find something their own size. There are many inexpensive little books which are excellent. "Mother Goose," "The Sunbonnet Babies," and small books full of animal pictures, which always delight a small child, are to be found looking attractive and gay on the tables of any shop which sells books.

Then there is "Amelaranne and the Green Umbrella," and the "Twins and Tabiffa," both tiny, beautifully illustrated and appealing as stories. They are written by Constance Hew-

ard. Lois Lenski is writing and illustrating some of these little books. Her stories are extremely simple and deal, as specialists tell us they should, with objects familiar to the child. Her quaint and simple line drawings are just right for small children. Among her most successful books are "The Little Auto" and "Surprise for Mother."

### Among the New Books

Wanda Gag, who in spite of her foreign name says she has never been outside of America, and who gave children the ever-popular "Millions of Cats," has illustrated a new book this year. It is "Gone is Gone," adapted by her from the familiar nonsense tale, "The Husband who Wanted to Mind the House." It is told in simple language and illustrated with the tiny black and white pictures which have made Miss Gag famous.

"Nicodemus and His Granpappy" is the new one in a series of "Nicodemus" stories by Inez Hogan. Nicodemus is born for trouble. Last time it was Little Sister who provided it. This time it is Houn' Dog. Granpappy tries to put Nicodemus right. "Go meddlin' roun' whar you don' 'blong, an' you is boun' to git into trouble," he says. But small children who love Nicodemus, trouble and all, will hope that he doesn't take this excellent advice too seriously.

### Attractive "Baby" Books

For the age when little books become "baby" books, but pictures and large print still help to make a book enjoyable, there is Will James' "Young Cowboy." This is a version for younger readers of his "Big Enough" and "Sun-Up." It is full of the original illustrations in Will James' own satisfying manner. Small boys will cherish this tale of a boy and a colt born on the same day.

"Honk the Moose" and "Farm Boy" by Phil Stong, are more expensive, but worth the price. Maybe there is a bachelor uncle in the family who will rise to the occasion. "Honk" is a rather special contribution to books for children because it is truly and irresistibly funny. The pictures by Kurt Wiese have caught the rollicking spirit of the story.

Shetland ponies, as well as being the special pets of childhood, are exciting for their association with the circus. "Spunky" is a Shetland pony from the Orkney Islands. At first he is unlucky, and before he attains the glories of the sawdust ring, he is an ill-used mine pony far underground in a Welsh mine. "Spunky," however, lives up to his name, and his story is most entertaining. "Spunky" is written and illustrated by Berta and Elmer Hader.

"Sajo and Her Beaver People" by Grey Owl is a book for which I have done a lot of cheering. I have yet to find a boy or girl who does not respond to this simple and moving animal story. It is a book for the whole family. Read it aloud this winter for pure entertainment, for what you will learn about Indians and the "beaver people," and for its lovely poetic style. It is a book to read and to cherish.

### For Older Girls and Boys

By a new English writer, Sonia Daugherty, "Broken Song" is a worthwhile story, especially popular with older girls. It is an exciting tale of a Russian family before, during and after the Revolution.

"Girl Wanted" by Josephine Bacon is a well-written story containing all the elements which make for popularity with older girls. It starts in a boarding school and it has a spicy dash of mystery. A satisfactory mix-

## Will the Act Function?

The people of Alberta are entitled to judge for themselves the unfairness and injustice of The Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act. This is the first of a series of short statements concerning the Act, and its effect on you.

Will the Act function? Be it just or unjust, will it work? There are cases pending in the Courts in which the question of the validity of the Act is raised. Until the decision of the Courts is rendered, it is natural that lending companies cannot be expected in the meantime to prejudice their rights. Companies have been and are still prepared, regardless of what the decision of the Courts may be, to enter upon negotiations and explore all avenues in an effort to arrive at arrangements fair to debtor and creditor, a course which was recently followed by companies doing business in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Debtors should think over their position, and the doubtful security the Act might provide, before brushing aside the undertakings they entered into when they obtained their loans. Those who are not debtors should think what their position will be in a community where promises are lightly cast aside. If you cannot trust your neighbor—if your neighbor cannot trust you—what becomes of security and the basis upon which business and all other human relationships rest?

*This statement is one of a series written by The Mortgage Loans Association of the Province of Alberta. The Association is composed of 34 member companies. It represents hundreds of thousands of small investments by typical Canadians. Its loans to citizens of Alberta amount to some forty-five million dollars.*



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This list might go on and on. If you are interested in children's books, may I suggest that you visit the Calgary Public Library during December and see our annual Exhibit of Children's Books for Christmas Gifts.



# Current News from Near and Far

## PROVINCIAL

John C. Garrett, of Strathmore, has been chosen Rhodes scholar for Alberta.

P. Slaughter, 70-year-old Bentley farmer, was fatally injured when run over by a grain wagon.

Jos. H. Brown, pioneer rancher, died recently at his ranch in Pekisko. He came to Alberta in 1883.

Otto Becker, Bowmantown farmer, was killed instantly when he fell into a well on the Ruff farm last Friday.

Some eight hundred persons attended the annual banquet of the Old Timers' Association in Edmonton last week.

Mr. Justice Ewing, presiding over the irrigation inquiry, urged that farmers interested should present their cases.

Hon. E. C. Manning has been obliged, on account of ill health, to give up Government work for an indefinite period.

Three of Calgary's city council, Aldermen Mitchell, Gourley and Gillman, on Monday announced their independence of the Alberta Government stating that they would in future consider themselves as representative not only of Social Crediters but of all citizens.

The University of Alberta won the grand and reserve grand championships for steers at the Toronto Winter Fair; Frank Collicutt, Crossfield, won several awards with his Herefords; W. A. Crawford-Frost, Nanton, was successful in Herefords classes and in the class for the best Canadian-bred female; Hayes and Company, Calgary, secured placing in the Holstein-Friesian classes, and the C.P.R. took several awards in Holstein-Friesian and Aberdeen-Angus classes.

J. H. Tremblay, Liberal, and Dr. W. Derosiers, Social Credit, are the two nominees in the Grouard by-election, to be held December 7th.

A double fatality occurred when Roy Robson, of Gem, shot his wife through a window of the house where she worked as housekeeper, and then killed himself.

The reference made over the air, from the Bible Institute in Calgary, to "one of the churches that has been living on usury," was declared by Ven. Archdeacon Swanson to be a "shameful lie."

The annual meeting of the Wetaskiwin U.F.A. Co-operative Association, held on Tuesday, after hearing an address by R. E. Ansley, M.L.A., in which he urged signing of the retail covenants, voted against doing so.

A letter from the boards of trade of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, sent to Premier Aberhart last week, asked that the stamped scrip experiment should be ended, as in their view it had failed in its purpose.

A crippled youth, Henry Veer, received injuries that caused his death when he was struck by an automobile on the highway west of Lethbridge last week. The driver of the car, Ray Renfrew of Coaldale, was arrested later in Blairmore and faces a charge of manslaughter.

Herman Trelle of Wembley won the world wheat championship at the International Hay and Grain Show, Chicago, for the fifth time; and the oats championship for the third time. Wm. J. Bryant, Boyle, took 4th place in wheat; John McDonald, Wembley, 5th; Geo. Lystand, Rochfort Bridge, 7th; Nels Linden, Wetaskiwin, 8th; James Sebastian, Wembley, 9th; Andrew Sherrett, Coalhurst, 10th; and Alberta farmers also took 10 other places.

Cattle to the number of 1,300 head are being shipped from the Cochrane area to northern districts, following the prairie and bush fire that destroyed 100,000 acres of pasture, as well as stacked fodder and buildings of ten ranchers and farmers.

## DOMINION

The Turgeon Royal Grain Commission began its inquiry into the grain trade on Tuesday in Winnipeg.

The B. C. Social Credit Union has announced closing of its offices to avoid a split with the Social Credit League.

The Federal Government is extending to December 15th the time limit of its freight assistance in shipping of feeder cattle.

Dr. F. E. Warriner, Independent, was elected mayor of Winnipeg, defeating John Queen, Labor, the present Mayor, and Lieut-Col. Webb.

Judgment was reserved on the test cases to decide the legality of "New Deal" legislation of the Bennett Government, by the Privy Council, in London, last week.

Arising out of the difficulties encountered by the Spanish deputation in Montreal recently, an organization has been formed to safeguard the rights of free speech in that city.

Canada should have complete independence in matters of war and peace, according to a resolution passed by the annual convention of the U.F.O. last week. Establishment of consumer co-operatives was also approved.

Canadian corporations will distribute dividends this month, it is announced, in excess of any December dividends in the country's history; 72 companies will pay out \$69,500,000 in this way. For the year to date aggregate dividends have been the largest since 1930.

Meeting in Toronto last week, the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture passed a resolution pressing for stopping of gambling in grain prices and favoring marketing of all Canadian wheat through a Wheat Board; and voted in favor of continuance of the Empire trade agreements.

## WORLD

Negotiations for the settlement of the war debt are being opened with the U.S. by France.

Latest estimates of the 1936 rice crop in Japan place it at the highest figure on record, except for the year 1933.

Italy and Japan have agreed to recognize each other's military conquests, in Ethiopia and China respectively.

A new Government Department, to safeguard food supplies in the event of war, has been set up by the British Government.

The Soviet Great Northern Railway has been completed, to the Pacific Ocean, beyond the danger of attack by Japan's armies.

The United States will not enter the League of Nations, said President Roosevelt at the inter-American conference which opened at Buenos Aires this week. New world republics, he said, could help maintain world peace by preventing wars among themselves; and at the same time they should stand shoulder to shoulder to prevent aggression. Canada also, Mr. Roosevelt believed, would support such endeavors for peace.

## Notice to Advertisers

Advertisers are asked to note that January issues will be published January 8th and 22nd. The change in dates of publication is made to give our readers a prompt service in reporting the U.F.A. Annual Convention. February issues will be on the first and third Fridays, as usual.

The Crystal Palace, London, built in 1854, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. Value of the building itself was placed at \$10,000,000.

The New Zealand Labor Government has borrowed £13,000,000 from the Reserve Bank to finance public works, roads and housing programs.

The Spanish Government has asked for a special meeting of the council of the League of Nations to consider its protest against the recognition of the Fascist rebels, by Germany and Italy.

Protest against the participation in the Spanish war by men from other countries would be made by Great Britain, said Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Hearst newspaper employees, who bought newspaper shares under pressure, have been warned by notices in their pay envelopes that it would be "desirable to borrow on their stock rather than sell it."

Nationalization of arms manufacturer is being proceeded with by the Popular Front Government in France. Aeroplanes are being made under complete Government ownership, and other munitions under Government regulation.

Immediately after the conclusion of the German-Japanese treaty severe fighting broke out between Russian and Japanese troops on the Manchukuan border. The Soviet Government has lodged a protest at Tokio over the affair.

Wars of aggression are condemned in a statement issued last Saturday by the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, though they add that participation in wars under some circumstances is not incompatible with Christianity.

While the Fascist rebel forces in Spain have been joined by 5,000 Nazi Germans, and have been promised 10,000 men by the Irish Fascist leader, General O'Duffy, it is also reported from Madrid that the Government army of volunteers is receiving daily many recruits from other countries, including Italians and Germans opposed to dictatorship. Attacks of the rebels on Madrid, at times appearing to be close to success, have been strongly repulsed during the last few days. A large part of the city has been destroyed by rebel aeroplane bombs, and some 200,000 persons have been sent from the city to places of greater safety.



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Another Heavy Budget Deficit  
Threatened—Low Cost Housing  
Scheme Predicted

By WILFRID EGGLESTON

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

OTTAWA, Dec. 3rd.—A new Federal Marketing Act to supplement and enforce the new export organization for farm products, notably live cattle, which is being set up by the Minister of Agriculture, was forecast last week. At the conference the middle of this month here the details of the organization are to be worked out.

The nature of the aviation company to fly the Trans-Canada air mail and passenger service is being worked out. It is intended to give the railway companies a substantial interest in the company which is created. The Government will exercise a good deal of control through the Canadian National. The new company is to be called Transcanada Airways, it is expected.

### Tightening Up Regulations

The regulations regarding income taxes are to be tightened up as a result of the revelations of the textile inquiry. A number of companies will be quizzed to make sure they are not hiding reserves from the taxing authorities. It would be physically impossible for the income tax department to make

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inventories of all the companies: it is necessary to take the sworn statement of the company heads that the inventories are as stated.

In just what way those companies which have violated the law are to be punished it is not yet clear. The Canadian Cottons case is the most prominent one. This company claims that they made it clear to the income tax department that they were deducting the "usual" discounts from their inventories.

The new session will begin on January 14th. The legislation so far in sight is not heavy, and it is possible that the House may be able to get through its business by the end of April. However, Governments are always optimistic about early prorogation. Oppositions can, if they wish, make a session stretch out a good deal.

### Tariff Reductions

The budget is to be brought down early, I hear, and will probably contain a great many tariff reductions on textiles, especially woollens and worsteds, also some on iron and steel lines, machinery, and boots and shoes.

There have been some optimistic statements about improving revenues, but there is another side of the picture which has not been brought to the surface. The heavy drought expenditures being made in Western Canada,

and the slice of old drought debts being written off, are certain to add very materially to the debit side of this year's balance sheet.

It is possible that the revenues this year will be 25 to 35 million dollars better than was anticipated, but nearly all, if not all, of this sum will be required to meet the drought situation, past and present. The effect is that the deficit of 100 millions contemplated last budget day will probably be realised. Even so, it will be a reduction of 70 million in the deficit from the last budget.

### Chilling Effect of Deficit

The threat of another heavy budget deficit is bound to have a rather chilling effect on demands upon the Federal treasury. The present Government is old-fashioned enough to think that a budget must in time be balanced, that we cannot go on adding hundreds of millions to the national debt. While the effect on such expenditures as armaments will probably be applauded by most Western people, it will, unfortunately, have a similar effect when plans for old age pensions at an earlier age, ambitious housing schemes, and youth employment measures are being discussed.

I think it is safe to predict, however, that a low-cost housing scheme will be provided for in the next session, the

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Through an error, the Calgary Consumers' Co-operative Store's ad in our last issue referred to "bottle minerals." This, of course, should be "Cattle Minerals," which the store carries in addition to groceries, etc.

### No Room

"Well, how are you getting on in your new house?"

"Oh, not so badly. We furnished one of the bedrooms by collecting soap coupons."

"Didn't you furnish the other seven rooms?"

"We can't. They're full of soap."

Dominion Government advancing at least \$25 millions at an interest figure below cost. The defence appropriations will probably take the form of a material expansion in civil aviation, with the purchase of some convertible planes and the training of a small army of skilled pilots and aircraftsmen. Except for the prairies, Canada is reflecting materially better economic and employment conditions as we enter the winter. Employment figures are very slow in reflecting the improvement, and so are relief costs. February will again see this problem an acute one. The test will come in the spring. The last three months have seen the first real upward swing in over a year.

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## CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATIONS

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But what a start it gives one to be suddenly confronted with the news that it is "so" many weeks until Christmas! We have, of course, assumed it would come in due course, as it has all through the years, whether in time of illness or health, sorrow or happiness, peace or war. Despite that, it seems as though we elders invariably experience a shock to see in black and white that the weeks or days until it arrives are limited in

number. We are filled with mingled feelings of panic, pleasure and pity.

### Little Time Left for Planning

There is a sense of panic because we realize how many things we had planned to do before Christmas and we know that in the limited time there is left we shall not accomplish all we intended. In fact, we realize that if we do not progress at a much greater rate than we are now doing we shall have very little done that we had planned. Something will have to go undone—the special fixing to the house, the rather ambitious presents we had hoped to make, the quilt we



### FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPER

**Scalloped Oysters:** Oil a baking dish, and put in it a layer of oysters, cleaned and drained. Season with salt and pepper. Add a layer of cracker crumbs, and dot with bits of fat. Repeat, making the last layer of crumbs. Add milk to moisten well; bake in a hot oven about 20 minutes.

### FOR THE BIG DINNER

**Turkey Dressing:** Slice a loaf of stale bread, dry thoroughly, and roll with a rolling pin. Add 1 cup milk with two beaten eggs, a little salt, half pound sausage meat, 2 slices bacon, chopped, and 1 small onion, minced.

**Cranberry Mold:** Bring to a boil 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup water; add 2 cups cranberries, and cook 10 minutes, or until the skins of the berries pop open. Pour in mold and chill; if you want clear jelly, strain.

**Snow Pudding:** Something that you can give young children and invalids with an easy conscience—and some-

thing they'll like. Soak 1 tablespoon plain gelatine in 1/4 cup cold water; add to 1 cup boiling water, and stir well; then add a few grains of salt, 3/4 cup sugar, the grated rind and the juice of 1 lemon; cook until thick, then beat until frothy; beat in the stiff whites of 2 eggs; turn into a mold, and chill. Serve with custard made from yolks of the eggs.

### CAKES FOR COMPANY

**Chocolate Walnut Cake:** 1 cup each sugar, butter and milk; 3 eggs; 2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, half cup chopped walnuts, quarter cup grated chocolate. Bake in three layers, and put together with filling made as follows: 2 cups sugar, 3/4 cup milk, 1/4 cup grated chocolate, 1 tablespoon butter, brought slowly to boil and boiled for 6 minutes. Ice with icing made of icing sugar and juice of 1 orange.

**Balmoral Cakes:** Cream 3 table-spoons butter with 2 table spoons sugar, add 2 eggs and beat well; stir in 5 heaping table-spoons corn-starch, 1 ounce peel, finely chopped, and the grated rind of half a lemon. Put in buttered patty pans and bake in a moderate oven.

### SANDWICHES FOR THE PARTY

**Cheese with Celery Butter:** Cream butter, add celery salt, and sprinkle with freshly grated cheese.

**Sardine Butter:** Mash finely 6 sardines and two ounces fresh butter, beaten to a very soft cream; add salt and pepper, and spread on brown bread.

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many lives have been spared, many years added to the average span of years and much suffering and pain have been saved.

### Through Economic Conditions

There are, however, in addition to the homes we may know which have been saddened by death, many that have trouble and care and unhappiness brought about by economic conditions. The papers, too, at this season of the year, frequently print most distressing tales of cases of want with the hope that it may stir the more fortunate to help. Some of these tales are so harrowing that only a person with a heart of stone could read them unmoved and we realize as well that many an unhappy condition is bravely covered.

The regrettable part of it is that with too many people the interest and the desire to help is but a passing emotion of pity at this Christmas season. There is no furthering of a determined effort to help find the causes of social ills and cure them. It will not be until our pity is transmuted into a sincere effort to discover and remove the causes of these ills of society that from neighbor to neighbor, from nation to nation, will be the sincere greeting of "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men" and the happy realization that it is being fulfilled.

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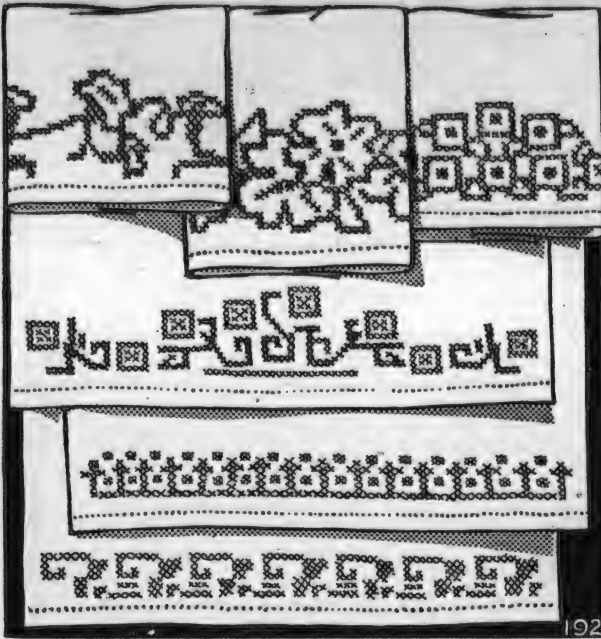
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### Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Stettler U.F.W.A. have completed an advertising quilt, as a means of raising funds.

Camrose U.F.W.A. had a very successful chicken dinner this fall, clearing some \$80; they also sent a box of new and used clothing to a family on relief.

Each member having donated 2 yards of flannelette, while the T. Eaton Co. added ten, Craigmyle have 36 yards which they are going to make up for the Hanna Hospital.

Members are pleased with the new U.F.W.A. Cook Books, writes the secretary of Fairdonian Valley Local, Mrs. Hallum. This Local made \$26 from a dance and raffle of a quilt.

Mrs. J. L. Strang gave a very interesting paper on the life of Tennyson at the last meeting of Starline U.F.W.A.; she was assisted by Misses Betty Lou and Diana Strang.

Mrs. M. H. Smith, who has been an ardent worker in the Local for many years, was honored by Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. at their last meeting by a presentation. She is leaving the district to make her home in B.C.

One of the members unable to attend meetings pieced a quilt for Lealholme U.F.W.A. (at Chauvin) which was raffled and brought in \$15. Their chicken supper was a great success. Officers for next year are Mrs. H. Legroux, Mrs. J. E. Neil and Mrs. C. E. Miller.

Thirty members of High River U.F.W.A. were guests of the Calgary Local, at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Norman F. Priestley. The guests provided the program of entertainment, including songs by Mrs. George Randle, and a very amusing playlet by Mrs. Laycraft, Jr., Mrs. Nelson Fraser, Miss Gertrude Laycraft, and Mrs. H. B. MacLeod.

#### Correct

"There is always a tie between a father and son," says a Rotarian speaker.

And if there is you can wager that the son is wearing it.

### Junior News Items

A short play and dance put on by Willow Springs Juniors in November proved successful.

Progressive Centre Juniors now have twenty-three paid-up members, writes Isabella Heartwell, secretary.

Miss Eileen Reynolds was recently successful in organizing the Hope Valley Junior Local, with Allan Stevenson and Alec Treffiac as officers.

Starting of a small circulating library was decided upon by Magnolia Juniors at a recent meeting. They also challenged the social credit group at Magnolia to debate on the question "Resolved that the program adopted by the C.C.F. is the only cure for the economic ills of Canada." At their last meeting this Local heard good papers on "Ideals of the Junior U.F.A." and "The Rochdale Plan."



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1- "T'S dreadful," wept the Kitten, "to be a waif and stray

Upon the Eve of Christmas, the Eve of Christmas Day.

It's sad to be an orphan with not a bit to eat,

To wander in the gutters along the busy street,

To be ignored, unwanted and kicked by careless feet."

2 AGAINST a toyshop window he pressed his little face.

The toys, he thought, looked happy inside that cheerful place.

"Oh, may I sit beside you?" he asked the Teddy Bear.

"Please, please . . ." he begged the Dolly with curls of golden hair.

Of course he had no answer except a glassy stare.



3 HE peeped through iron railings, and in a room he spied A lovely tree with candles, lit up for Christmastide. Beside it sat a Tabby with sleek and velvet fur: "Move on," she told the Kitten in thick and husky purr, "Your place is on the roof-tops, you homeless wanderer!"



4 WHEN darkness veiled the roof-tops and stars began to peep,

When safe in cosy nurseries the children were asleep,

When little socks were hanging from every bed and cot,

The Kitten sat and shivered beside a chimney pot—

He held his paws against it to try and keep them hot.

5 HARK! Through the chilly darkness there comes the noise of hoofs,

A-gallop, gallop, gallop across the silent roofs!

The tiny Kitten trembled, his fur stood up in fright.

"Oh, who is out a-riding so late this starry night? . . . I'll creep behind the chimney and huddle out of sight."

6 ACROSS the pointed roof-tops there comes the reindeer sled. (No need to name the Driver, the dear old man in red!) "Woa-up!" cried Father Christmas, and checked his rein-deers two, "Woa-up beside the chimney of Peter's nursery flue." (He stopped beside the chimney that was the Kitten's too!)

7 "LET'S see," said Father Christmas, who scanned his Christ-mas list, "Young Peter wants a—Goodness! Here's something I have missed! He wants a little Kitten. He says it must be black. I clean forgot to get one! And now I can't go back. I'll give the boy a Golly or else a Jumping Jack."

8 THE little listening Kitten was filled with timid joy. "Oh, Someone wants a Kitten to give a little boy!" He crept around the chimney until he came in view, He tugged the ermine trimming and said in plaintive mew, "Please, sir . . . I'm black and tiny. D'you think that I would do?"

9 "HO-HO!" laughed Father Christmas, who laid aside his sack And lifted up the Kitten and gently stroked his back, "Why, no one could be better! To Peter you shall go. (A nicer boy than Peter you couldn't hope to know) . . . Now, where's a scarlet ribbon . . . I'll deck you with a bow."

10 EXACTLY what came after the Kitten cannot tell. He only just remembers a voice which said, "Farewell!" And then he fell a-dreaming, a lovely kitten dream Of soft and silken cushions and fires that wink and gleam And hands which stroke so gently and saucers full of cream.

11 BUT when he woke next morning he found it Christmas Day.

"See, see my Christ-mas Present!" he heard young Peter say,

"A lovely little Kitten, so sweet and black and small!

He's curled inside my stocking exactly like a ball!

My Christmas Present Kitten! The nicest gift of all!"





## SUPPORT, GOOD WISHES OF LOCALS FOR FARM LEADER

Many Messages of Goodwill From Readers in All Parts of Province

Locals in many parts of the Province continue to send in messages of goodwill to *The Western Farm Leader*, accompanied by subscriptions for their members. In numerous instances Locals have subscribed for all their members, and in others, a substantial number of subscriptions has been collected.

Red Deer U.F.A. Local (secretary J. W. Christian) recently sent in subscriptions for 16 members, Beddington U.F.A. Local 15, (W. H. Evans), Painter Creek U.F.A. Local (C. Quantz), Alliance, 13 additional subscriptions. We wish to express our thanks for the support of these and the following other Locals which have recently sent subscriptions, many of them second or third installments: Wayne U.F.A. (J. P. Anderson), Morrin U.F.A. (P. H. Oliver), Custer U.F.A. (A. A. Danielson), Czar, Picardville U.F.A. (Thos. Holley), Nanton U.F.A. (H. I. Montgomery), New Norway U.F.A. (Frank Olson), McCafferty U.F.A. (W. H. Hays), Horse Hills U.F.A. (L. A. Appleby), Veteran U.F.W.A. (Mrs. Mulgrove), Camrose U.F.A. (E. M. Bergh).

The name of the secretary or other person who sent in the subscriptions is given in parentheses.

### Recent Messages

Among many recent messages of goodwill from our readers, accompanied by subscriptions, have been the following:

"I do not want to miss a copy."—J. Dobinson, Clive.

"Find enclosed \$1.00 to pay for my subscription. I like your paper very much since you have been on your own hook."—Louis Ekman, Fleet.

## President Meets Good Reception

Profit System at Root of Our Economic Problems, Declares Robert Gardiner

In his tour of farming districts, President Robert Gardiner is addressing large numbers of farm people and meeting with a cordial reception everywhere.

More than 125 persons attended a recent meeting at Forshee, coming from both Bentley and Rimbey districts. H. E. Heath, U.F.A. Director for the constituency, accompanied him and was also well received. Then followed a good meeting at Red Deer, with Ronald Pye, U.F.A. Director, in the chair, and Mrs.

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We would like to ask our readers to notice the large number of advertisements appearing in this issue, many of them dealing particularly with Christmas goods. It would be a great help to us if you would, as far as possible, patronize these firms in doing your Christmas shopping, as well as in making ordinary purchases.  
—The Western Farm Leader.

## Need Amendment of Constitution

Brownlee at Lethbridge Convention  
—Resolution to Remove U.F.A. From Politics Tabled

The constitution of Canada does not keep up with the tempo of governmental business; it is hopelessly inefficient, and should be amended by the co-operation of all Governments, declared Hon. J. E. Brownlee in the course of an address to a crowded evening meeting of the Lethbridge U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association's annual convention. Mr. Brownlee, who was most cordially received, made a strong appeal to U.F.A. members to maintain their organization as a "driving force in the solution of Alberta's problems."

Referring to the organization's political activities, he dwelt upon its freedom from patronage, and its strict honesty. He was in sympathy with the purpose of the attempt of the present Government, he said, in reducing interest rates, but believed their methods faulty.

### Resolution on Politics

By tabling a resolution, which would remove the organization from politics, the afternoon meeting showed a strong feeling for continuance in the political field. Other resolutions, passed unanimously, asked for a second Board of Review in the Province, and for a higher minimum price for wheat to be set by the Wheat Board.

Ernest Bennion was re-elected president; Lester Lee, J. H. Walker, Miss Molly Coupland and Mrs. Inez Bennett vice-presidents. Directors are Heber Sheffield, N. Peterson, E. Brown, Fred Porter and H. Flock.

Every evidence was given, both in the attendance, as large as in former years, and in the spirit of the addresses and debates, of the virility of the movement in Lethbridge constituency; and the reputation of this section of the U.F.A. for cordial hospitality was upheld by the enjoyable musical program and the between-sessions banquet at the Marquis Hotel.

Learned, U.F.W.A. Director, taking part as one of the speakers. At Olds, Mr. Gardiner was accompanied on the platform by Frank Grisdale, who spoke of the necessity of building up a strong farm organization and on the extension of co-operative marketing.

In his address Mr. Gardiner declared that the fundamental problem is one of "Profit," explaining the profit lies at the basis of the whole of our economic problem. Fifty Big Shots controlled an enormous part of the wealth of the Dominion, while at the other end of the scale were over a million and a quarter Canadians on relief. There had been a tremendous tirade against the Fifty Big Shots; but the real blame lay with the profit system.

Mr. Gardiner asked support for *The Western Farm Leader*.

Plans have been made for Mr. Gardiner to speak at the Spruceville Hall, three miles west of Lacombe, on Monday afternoon, December 7th, at 2 o'clock. Tea will be served free by the ladies of Progressive U.F.W.A. Local.

Other meetings with Mr. Heath will be held on December 8th and 9th and on the 10th, 11th and 12th President Gardiner will be at meetings with Rudolph Hennig, director for East Edmonton.

### URGE AMENDMENT DEBT ACT

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concerning the transfer to Alberta of its natural resources. Further, it is urged that the Board be given power to review at its discretion or reconsider applications previously heard. This is considered most necessary in view of the unsatisfactory character of proposals made during the first year of the Board's operations.

Greatly increased speed is needed in dealing with the many applications before the Board, the Executive points out, and to this end it is asked that provision be made to enable the Board of Review to divide for the hearing of applications, or, otherwise, for two or more boards to be provided for in each Province.

The letter was sent to Mr. Dunning in behalf of the Executive by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President, early in the present week.

## The Wheat Situation

The wheat market has "about faced" after a spell of bearishness and rapid recovery in prices followed heavy buying by Europe. Canada has been selling large quantities of wheat and her supplies are diminishing at a rapid pace, the visible wheat being down to 135,000,000 bushels—half of what it was a year ago.

The bearish influence of the Argentina crop has been expended and Australia will not have as much wheat to sell as she did last year. Harvesting has started in Australia and Argentina will be wheat cutting shortly. It will be at least six weeks or two months before wheat shipments in volume will be prevalent from the southern hemisphere.

### Milk and Cream Prices

Eastern and western butter markets show only slight variations of prices during the past week. The Vancouver market, however, shows a weak undertone. Churn cream quotations are unchanged from those of the previous three weeks. Cream deliveries continue to show a vast improvement over those of last year; it is expected that November report will show the same favorable increase as that of October. Churn cream is based on 24c for special grade, delivered Calgary. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt., 3.6 butterfat. Table cream 32c.

At a meeting of co-operative electric associations of Minnesota, held in St. Paul last month, disagreement developed and the Farm Bureau supporters left the meeting and announced that they would proceed with an independent set-up.

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## Review of Livestock Markets

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### ACCEPTING INEVITABLE?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2nd.—Signs are not wanting that the decisive victory at the polls of President Roosevelt is influencing utility companies to accept as inevitable the terms of the Holding Company Act. The Northern States Power Company of Minnesota, a powerful concern, has given notice of its intention to register as required by the law.



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## MUSTARD and CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

This being Christmas time, or thereabouts, this is to notify any of our farmer readers who have an "orphan" turkey running around forlornly, that this column is prepared to adopt it and provide it with a good home on Christmas day.

But seriously, folks, we know of several poor city families who will be in need of a good Christmas dinner this year, despite of all the charitable agencies that are at work, so that if you really have a stray chicken or gobble eating its head off, shoot it along, and we'll see that it lands where it will do the most good. This column tries to give you a smile or two, will you return the compliment by shedding a little happiness around? Please!

Postcard from Cynical Gus opines that Canadian liquor distillers are away behind in advertising efficiency. So far, says he, none of them has advertised that their products are being used regularly by the Dionne Quintuplets.

Communication from Mister Gloom informs us that the lower class doesn't care what people think; the middle class lives in dread of what people will think; the upper class hires a press agent to make people think.

Note to N.L.D., Mayerthorpe: Sorry, Norman, old scout, but we've used that one of yours before in *The Western Farm Leader*. Come in again and often. Regards as always.—Syd.

Dear Musty: It's simple enough to tell when a guy is in love. It's so easy for him to convince himself that a

poor prune is a fine peach. Hoping you are the same.

—Knotty Frankie.

### PARDON OUR BLUSHES

Oh, Mustard when you mix your Cress

With many a joke and chaff,

Don't think your friends will

love you less,

Because you cause us laughter.

So when you cause the miles

and miles

Of smiles to light our faces.

Just go on making piles and piles

Of fun to fill these spaces.

—Mrs. G.H.C., Camrose.

Thanks, Mam, consider yourself kissed.—Musty.



"Providence never assists the idle," says a New York writer on unemployment. And that is no excuse for any government to class itself with Providence.

Mary of Carbon dropped in yesterday to inform us that it isn't fair to judge a woman by the company she is forced to entertain.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

A burnt child dreads the fire, but a lot of grown-ups still monkey around with an old flame.

Suggested hymn for the Single Unemployed: "Nearer my Job to Thee."

### TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

Those Alberta farmers who are still bemoaning the result of the last Provincial election should remember that it's the cause and not the death that makes the martyr.

Too many guys are only generous to a fault—when it's their own.

"Life," says a Chicago columnist, "is just a complimentary ticket to the passing show." All we can say is that for a lot of us it's been a pretty expensive complimentary ticket.

### WAIL FROM WALLY

Wally, our incurable bach., insists that to a modern girl a man is only as big as his bank roll.

WELL, IT'S BEEN MILD AGAIN

### The Last Word



Pretty Dorothy Lamour, screen actress; one of the film colony's first to affect a hairdress in the manner of Mrs. Wallis Simpson:

## SPORT

Ottawa Rough Riders and Sarnia Imperials play off for the rugby championship of Eastern Canada and the winner plays for the Canadian championship with Regina on the following Saturday. Regina is willing to play with or without their five ineligible. Ottawa beat the Argos in Toronto last Saturday. Headed by the giant Sprague they pounded away at the Argos who became jittery and fumbled continually. The Ottawa team played straight Canadian rugby, neglecting the forward pass, blocking and other United States innovations.

The Toronto Maple Leafs are having tough going in the big hockey league this year. Primeau has retired, Cennacher has a bad wrist, King Clancy hung up his skates and stick, Hainsworth has been supplanted by Broda, Buzz Boll has a broken arm, Jackson is still the goal-less wonder and manager Connie Smythe is tearing his hair.

The N. Y. American team looks smart, headed by the smooth Dave Schriner, league-leading goal-gainer. They are top of the league and are playing clever hockey. Will they last out? You answer! The Rangers are a kid team, too, and may surprise the fans before the season is over. The Chi. Hawks are having terrible luck, the Boston Bruins are handicapped by injuries to Shore and others. The Canadiens haven't the class, the Maroons are lethargic so far. The Detroit Wings, the champs, haven't opened up much yet but look to have the goods when the clutch is in.

The Leafs may yet hit a faster clip but they are disorganized and worried. Smythe is riding them hard and they are pressing as a consequence. But there are some smart hockey players on that team so don't count them out yet.

Calgary has seen some good hockey already. The Rangers appear to have the class over the Calgary Bronks. Both teams have strengthened with imports and look 25 per cent better than last year.

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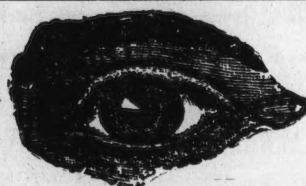
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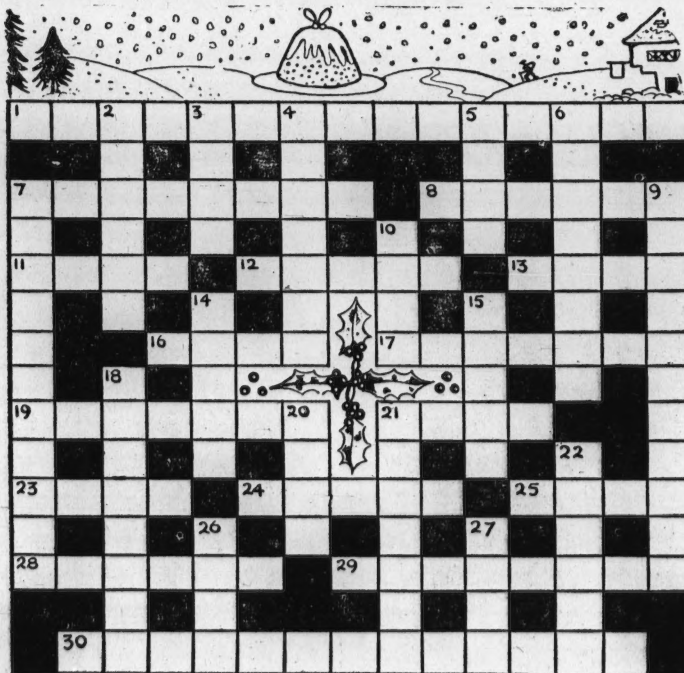
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## ACROSS

- 1 The old, old readers.
- 7 He now becomes the carver.
- 8 The morning after the night before.
- 11 The reindeer get their tails turned.
- 12 Games necessary.
- 13 Performed under hanging vegetation.
- 16 Its head once regaled the feast.
- 17 She goes into the pudding.
- 19 They may be hanging around.
- 21 This man's knock is well in evidence.
- 23 Part of the choral renderings.
- 24 Whereat the gourmets revel.
- 25 Not a party game.
- 28 Another pudding ingredient.
- 29 Should make the breeze drop.

## DOWN

- 2 Donces usually are.
- 3 Uncommon at any time.
- 4 Makes things go with a bang.
- 5 Often accompanies 19 across.
- 6 Foundation for the icing.
- 7 His activities are vocal.
- 9 This led to community-drinking.
- 10 Beverages for the table.
- 14 Party leader's epithet.
- 15 Follows 13 across.
- 18 24 across makes many feel this way on the 8 across.
- 20 Yet another constituent of the pudding.
- 21 I'm in the paste to while away an hour or two.
- 22 A moonlight one may be heard during evening.
- 26 In evidence after the jollities no doubt.
- 27 In no busy manner.

(Solution in next issue)

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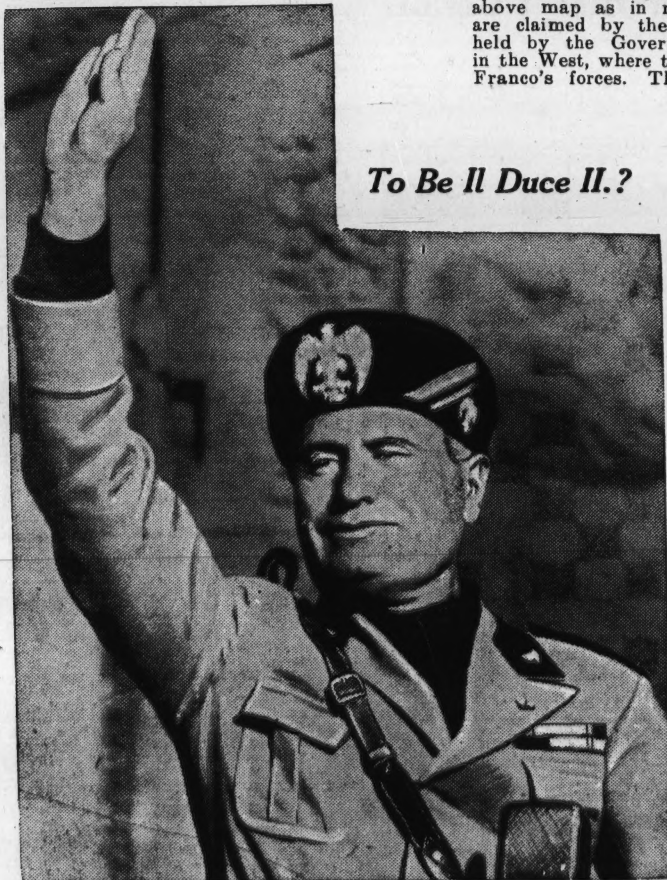
Daughter of the breakfast food king, from whom she inherited \$20,000,000, Mrs. Marjorie Post Hutton Davies, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, Joseph E. Davies, is shown above. Relations between Moscow and Washington are steadily growing more cordial, in the face of growing threats to both of these powers in the Pacific.

## Where Loyalists Hold Rebels in Check



While a large part of Spain is shown in the above map as in rebel hands (the white areas are claimed by the rebels and shaded areas as held by the Government), fighting is going on in the West, where the Basque armies are harrying Franco's forces. The Government now believes

the rebels have been put on the defensive. After setting foot in Madrid, they have been driven some miles back at several points. Government field commanders claim advances in offensives against Talavera del Reina, Oviedo, Burgos and other insurgent strongholds.



Count Galeazzo Ciano, son-in-law of Mussolini, above, is being groomed, it is reported, to be successor to the Italian dictator. He bears a striking resemblance to the founder of Italian Fascism. He is now Foreign Minister.

## To Be Il Duce II.?

## To Fight Fascism in Spain



The Loyalist forces in Spain are now being reinforced by volunteer forces drawn from many nations, who regard the struggle now proceeding as a crucial one for freedom and democracy. Many of them are Socialists, some refugees from Italy and Germany, but there are Frenchmen, Englishmen and Scandinavians, and others. A nephew of Winston Churchill is fighting for the Government forces. Bert Acosta, who flew the Atlantic with Admiral Byrd and Captain George K. Berry, is shown above in Paris, where he was making plans for a Paris to New York flight. He is reported to have left for Murcia, Spain, to join the Loyalist air force.